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SUBJECT: CAR SEED MULTIPLICATION PROJECT

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- 1. EMBASSY AND THE UNDP APPRECIATE REASONS AND BUREAUCRATIC INTRICACIES OUTLINED REFTEL FOR RDO'S PESSIMISM RE LIKELIHOOD FUNDING CAR SEED MULTIPLICATION PROJECT BEFORE FY-76. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT CAR SEED MULTIPLICATION PROJECT HAS TO COMPETE FOR AID/Y TIME WITH FOUR OTHER PROJECTS. WE TRUST THAT IN ASSIGNING TIME PRIORITIES AID/Y WILL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION FOLLOWING: (1) SEED MULTIPLICATION PROJECT WOULD BE ONLY US BILATERAL PROJECT IN CAR (2) ORIGINAL UNDP PROJECT HAS BEEN HINDERED RATHER THAN HELPED BY AID THUS FAR DUE TO INTRODUCTION OF DELAYS AND UNCERTAINTIES AND (3) TRIPS TO BANGUI OVER PAST YEAR BY AID PERSONNEL HAVE GIVEN RISE TO EXPECTATIONS ON PART OF CENTRAL AFRICANS AS WELL AS UNDP WHICH ARE ALREADY BEGINNING TO FADE. ABOVE DOES NOT ENHANCE IMAGE OF EITHER AID OR EMBASSY.
- 2. IN VIEW OF ABOVE WE STRONGLY URGE AID/W AND RDO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO UNDERTAKE STEPS OUTLINED PARA 2 REFTEL FOR OBTENTION AID/W APPROVAL TO PROVIDE FY-75 FUNDS FOR THIS WORTHY PROJECT.
- 3. IN CONNECTION WITH ABOVE, DEVALCK EXPRESSED TO PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR EARLIER THIS WEEK BOTH HIS CONCERN AND DISALLUSIONMENT OVER DELAYS WHICH ARE HOLDING UP THIS WORK. HE EXPECTS TO BE IN BANGUI FOR SEVERAL DAYS BEGINNING MAY 15 AND HAS ALERTED US TO HIS DESIRE FOR DISCUSSION OF FUTURE OF PROGRAM. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY IDEAS BEYOND REFTEL SOONEST.DALE UNCLASSIFIED

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